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**REPORT SUMMARY**

*Performance Audit*  
*Environmental Response and Redevelopment*  
*Programs*  
*Department of Environmental Quality*

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*The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was created by Executive Order No. 1995-18, which also transferred environmental regulatory programs to DEQ from the Department of Natural Resources. DEQ's mission is to protect and enhance Michigan's environment and public health. The environmental response and redevelopment programs determine, evaluate, and control risk to the environment and the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan's citizens by carrying out cleanup or other response activities at sites of environmental contamination.*

***Audit Objective:***

To assess DEQ's effectiveness in identifying, assessing, and addressing environmental contamination.

***Audit Conclusion:***

DEQ was generally effective in identifying, assessing, and addressing environmental contamination. Our report does not include any reportable conditions related to this audit objective.

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***Audit Objective:***

To assess DEQ's effectiveness in identifying potentially responsible parties and recovering costs related to response activity.

***Audit Conclusion:***

DEQ had limited effectiveness in identifying potentially responsible parties and recovering costs related to response activity.

***Reportable Condition:***

DEQ needs to improve the effectiveness and appropriateness of its recovery of State funds expended for response activities at facilities (Finding 1).

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***Audit Objective:***

To assess DEQ's effectiveness in facilitating the redevelopment of contaminated sites.

***Audit Conclusion:***

DEQ was generally effective in facilitating the redevelopment of contaminated sites funded by sources other than the Clean Michigan Initiative. Our report does not include any reportable conditions related to this audit objective.

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***Agency Response:***

Our audit report includes 1 finding and 1 corresponding recommendation. DEQ responded that it partially agreed with the recommendation.

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